

Appl. No. 09/909837
Amdt. Dated October 19, 2004
Reply to Office Action of October 6, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Status of the Claims.

Claims 1-39 are pending with entry of this amendment and claims 37-39 being added herein. Claims 6 and 24-29 have been withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request that these dependent claims be reconsidered should claim 1 be found allowable.

Claims 14 and 18 are amended herein. These amendments introduce no new matter and support is replete throughout the specification. These amendments are made without prejudice and are not to be construed as abandonment of the previously claimed subject matter or agreement with any objection or rejection of record. With respect to amended claim 14 and new claims 37-39, support for the compositions can be found in the specification at, for example, page 16, lines 3-5. With respect to claim 18, support for the cell lines relevant to a particular disease area of interest can be found in the specification at, for example, page 8, lines 8-10, and page 10 line 30 through page 11, line 3.

Applicant submits that no new matter has been added to the application by way of the above Amendment. Accordingly, entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite allowance of the pending claims, or if the Examiner has any further questions, **a telephone interview with the Examiner is hereby requested.** Please telephone the undersigned at (510) 337-7871 to schedule an interview.

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Attachments:

- 1) A transmittal sheet; and
- 2) A receipt indication postcard.